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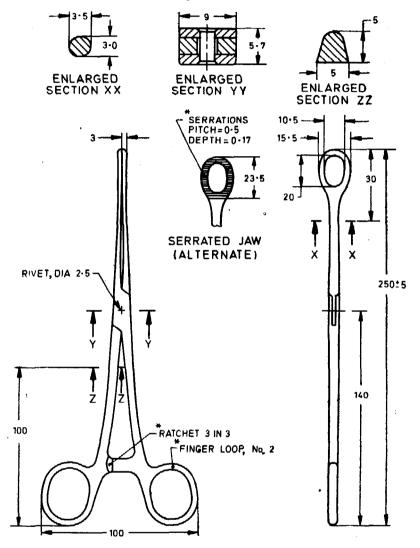




Indian Standard

SPECIFICATION FOR FORCEPS, SPONGE HOLDING, FOERSTER'S PATTERN, SMOOTH OR SERRATED JAWS

- 1. Scope Dimensional and other requirements for Foerster's pattern, sponge holding forceps, with smooth or serrated jaws used in general surgery.
- 2. Shape and Dimensions As shown in Fig. 1.



*See IS: 3642 - 1978 General requirements for surgical instruments

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 FORCEPS, SPONGE HOLDING, SMOOTH AND SERRATED JAWS, FOERSTER'S PATTERN

- 2.1 A deviation of \pm 2.5 percent shall be allowed on all dimensions where otherwise not specified.
- 3. Material Stainless steel shall conform to designation 20Cr13 or 30Cr13 of IS: 6603 1972 'Specification for stainless steel bars and flats'.
- 4. Workmanship and Finish
- 4.1 The forceps shall be finished smooth and shall be free from burrs, pits, cracks and other surface defects.

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- 4.2 The movements of the arms of the forceps shall be smooth.
- 4.3 The joints shall have no undue play.
- 4.4 The working ends shall meet accurately and shall have no side play.
- 4.5 The forceps shall be polished bright and passivated.
- 4.6 All the edges shall be even and rounded off except the serrations.
- 5. Heat Treatment The forceps shall be hardened and tempered to give a hardness of 380 to 430 HV.

6. Tests

- 6.1 Grip a piece of hard rubber 6 mm thick between the working ends of the forceps. Tighten the grip so that the third ratchet engages. Release the grip. At the end of the test the forceps shall show no sign of damage.
- **6.2** Corrosion Resistance Test The instrument shall satisfy the boiling and autoclaving test as mentioned in IS: 7531 1975 'Method for boiling and autoclaving test for corrosion resistance of stainless steel surgical instruments'.
- 7. Marking The forceps shall be marked with the manufacturer's name, initials or recognized trademark and the words 'Stainless Steel'.
- 7.1 ISI Certification Marking Details available with the Indian Standards Institution.
- 8. Packing Each forceps shall be wrapped in moisture-proof paper and put in cardboard cartons or polyethylene bags. They may be packed as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.